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TELEPHONE NO. 12.

The Registrar-General's return of births and deaths for the third quarter of the present year shows, if the figures are to be depended on, that the health of the colony has been even worse than it was during the same period of 1887. The deaths during the three months ended the 30th September last numbered 1,600, as against 1,498 last year, while the annual death rate is given as 38.88 as against 32.29. The estimate of population on which this rate is calculated is 159,167, while last year it was 154,997. These figures are probably lower than they ought to be, but even taking the population at its generally accepted figure of 200,000 we would still have a death rate of 38 per thousand; and whatever defect there may be in the estimate of population it can only affect to a slight extent the comparison between the returns for the same period of the two years. The proportionate increase in the number of deaths has been greater among the European section of the population than any other. During the last quarter there were 28 deaths of Europeans, exclusive of Portuguese, as against 17 in 1887, an increase of 64 per cent. in numbers, while the annual rate for the whole British and Foreign community has gone up from 23.96 per thousand to 27.02. Amongst the Portuguese the number of deaths was 23 as against 13, amongst the Chinese, 15 as against 18, and amongst the non-residents 7 as against 15, the total number of deaths in the British and Foreign community being 72 as against 63 in the same quarter of 1887. Against the Chinese the number of deaths was 1,225 as against 1,430, and the annual rate rose from 32.80 to 34.24. If the increase in the figures were due to an abnormal increase in the population it would naturally show itself in the birth returns, but these, unfortunately for that theory, point in the contrary direction, for amongst the British and Foreign community there were only 43 births last quarter as against 45 in the same quarter of 1887, whilst amongst the Chinese the falling off is remarkable, the figures being 317 as against 380 last year. The annual rate has fallen for the whole population from 8.76 to 7.61, for the Chinese from 9.25 to 7.10, and for the British and Foreign community from 17.11 to 15.14. The apparently small birth rate amongst the Chinese, we are persuaded, is due to defective registration, possibly coupled to some extent with the practice of infanticide; for notwithstanding the discrepancy in the sexes amongst the adult population it is impossible to believe that the birth-rate can have been so small as would seem to be the case from the published figures. The census of 1881 showed that amongst the European population there was one woman to six men, whilst among the Chinese there was one woman to every 3.25 men, yet the European birth rate is more than twice as high as the Chinese rate. The explanation of defective registration finds confirmation in the facts that whereas 124 births of boys were registered there were only 128 of girls, whilst in the consents there were 237 deaths of females (including foundlings for the most part) and only 114 of boys. Whether the infants received into the consents are registered among the births or not there is nothing in the returns to show, but it may be taken for granted that they are not registered before they reach those institutions. If a European who has a notice of a birth inserted in the newspapers neglects to register he is summoned and fined, but there is no machinery to compel registration amongst the Chinese, and great numbers of them no doubt do not think it worth while to go to the Registrar-General's office. With deaths the case is different, and there is probably little evasion of the registration law here—unless it be with regard to newly born infants, many of whom are left at the consents, while some are possibly disposed of by infanticide. With regard to registration of deaths generally, however, there is no effective check on the statements given in as to the cause of death, and a case of poisoning may be entered as cholera, fever, or any other disease with the name of which the

relatives are familiar. District registration officers with some medical training might be of use in exercising a check on the returns both of births and deaths, for each officer might be expected to make himself sufficiently familiar with his district to have a general acquaintance of its "domestic occurrences." Such officers might also be of use in connection with the reporting of infectious diseases; a milder reference to the last meeting of the Sanitary Board. They would, of course, cost money, but in view of the large death rate shown by the Registrar-General's figures, due to insanitary conditions, the colony must be prepared for expenditure in the efforts to improve the public health. The July-September quarter is the most unhealthy of the year, and the returns for the whole year may therefore be expected to show more unfavourable figures than those given in the return now before us, but a death rate of 38.88 per cent. at any season of the year, and in the absence of epidemic disease, is not a matter that can be regarded with equanimity. The weekly returns prepared for the Sanitary Board show that the disease claiming the greatest number of victims, if the particulars given in by the relatives are correct, is consumption. The Sanitary Board might with advantage, we think, give some attention to this point, and endeavour to ascertain the cause of the great mortality from this disease. Overcrowding and defective ventilation are said by medical authorities to be among the chief causes of consumption, but with a population living so much in the open air as that of Hongkong we should think the prevalence of the disease could hardly be put down to those causes here.

H.M.S. *Mutine* and *Heretic* arrived at Wanchang on the 25th October from Japan.

The French gunboat *Patience* and cruiser *Primargue* are leaving Christiania for home.

The U.S.S. *Essex* is expected at Shanghai this week, and the *Richmond* has left the United States for China.

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THE SHIP *MARCOLETTA* OF THE LINE, Chartered by the India, Australia and China Mail, will follow the example of the *Kingman* and *Shanghai* and open a branch at Bangkok on the 1st January next.

At about 8.30 last night a number of members of the Kwan Yee Chai, Wellington Street, started by the local explosion of a building, right under the room in which they were sitting, filling the place with smoke. It was ascertained that several ounces of gunpowder had been put in a vessel with some papers in it, and that the whole had been exploded. The police are making inquiries into the affair, as the deed was evidently a wilful one, and it is possible that the man who has lost money may be the perpetrator. No damage was done to the building by the explosion, but the walls of one room were considerably damaged.

The *Siam Mercantile Gazette* says:—It seems that a naturalisation law is now being prepared in the Siam Foreign Office. The Consul will be glad to hear this, as doubtless some of the Siam subjects will be anxious to become naturalised. A little too late to suit them, will take advantage of such a law and naturalise themselves Siam subjects. In another good year, many Siam subjects will be naturalised, and they will take some interest in the laws they are subject to, and as amongst them are some who are subject to the use of torture, squeezing the temples and the fingers, and the use of the thumb nail, and the use of the thumb nail, etc., it may result that some of them may be made to suffer from these practices and they may be put to death.

The Russian cruiser *Rynda*, now in port, carries a band, which during the stay of the vessel in Shanghai, afforded great pleasure to the residents of the colony. It is the best band that we have ever heard of, for the men play admirably and have a beautiful set of instruments, and it was a well-deserved compliment to the crew of the *Rynda*, who were in the colony for the purpose of the next examination to be held in October, 1890. Have been approved.

In a description of the Kailash railway across the N. O. Daily News says:—One feature which deserves mention is the automatic coupling gear, an American patent known as the "Janney." Even in England after two generations of railway men, it is not until now that the best bands that we have ever heard of, for the men play admirably and have a beautiful set of instruments, and it was a well-deserved compliment to the crew of the *Rynda*, who were in the colony for the purpose of the next examination to be held in October, 1890. Have been approved.

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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS TO THE "DAILY PRESS"]
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The train conveying the Czar to St. Petersburg was derailed and His Majesty had the narrowest escape. Nineteen persons were killed and eighteen wounded.

[FROM SINGAPORE PAPERS]
PARIS, 24th October.
M. de Freycinet reports to the Budget Committee that one milliard is required to complete the defenses of the Eastern frontier.

LONDON, 25th October.
THE PARNELL COMMISSION.
Sir Richard Webster today produced the famous letter.

SERBIA.
The Serbian Metropolitan has dissolved the marriage of King Milan and Queen Natalie.

LONDON, 25th October.
THE SUEZ CANAL CONVENTION.
The Suez Canal Convention has been amicably settled.

THE TUNISIAN SCHOOL QUESTION.
The Tunisian school question has been amicably settled.

CRICKET.
ON THE 24th OF SEPTEMBER.
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HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

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